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To amend an Act, made in the Forty-second Year of His present MAJESTY, to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS it is expedient to amend, and to provide for the due Execution, of an Act, made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*:" Preamble.

And whereas it is, in and by the said Act, among other Things, enacted, that all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed which shall be imported into *Ireland*, shall be detained in His Majesty's Stores, at the Place of Import, or in such other Stores as shall be provided for that Purpose, as in the said Act is mentioned, there to remain until it shall be examined and inspected by an Officer, appointed in Manner as in the said Act is mentioned;

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed shall Importer to give Notice to Officers of landing Seed.

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ſhall be imported into *Ireland*, the Importer thereof or his Agent ſhall, within Hours after the landing of the ſame at the Port of Importation, give Notice in Writing to the Officer appointed at the ſaid Port, under the ſaid recited Act, for the Inſpection of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed imported there, of the landing of ſuch Seed, and of the Place where ſuch Seed ſhall be landed, or ſhall remain or be depoſited; and all ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall remain in the Place which ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Notice, until the ſame ſhall be examined and inſpected by ſuch Officer in Manner directed by the ſaid recited Act; and if any ſuch Importer or his Agent 2
ſhall neglect to give ſuch Notice, or ſhall give any falſe or untrue Notice, or ſhall remove ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed from the Place mentioned in ſuch Notice, or from the Place where ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall have been actually landed, or ſhall have been ſtored purſuant to the ſaid recited Act, before ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall be duly examined and inſpected in Manner required by the ſaid recited Act, then and in either of ſuch Caſes every ſuch Importer or his Agent, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit all ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, together with the Caſks or Packages containing the ſame, or the Price thereof, if ſold,

Penalty. and alſo the Sum of Iriſh Currency, for every Hogſhead, Caſk, or other Package thereof, and ſo in proportion for any leſs Quantity than a Hogſhead, to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Penalty on not giving Notice of Seed in Poſſeſſion of Inſpector.

And whereas it is in and by the ſaid recited Act provided, that ſuch Brands or Marks as ſhall be put on any Caſk or Package purſuant to the ſaid Act, ſhall be of force only till the Firſt Day of July in each Year wherein the ſame ſhall have been made, ſo as to allow the Seed therein contained to be ſold or expoſed to Sale; and that for the Purpoſe of the Re-examination of ſuch Seed, and of again marking or branding ſuch Caſks or Packages, the Importers of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, and alſo Perſons ſelling or dealing in Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or who ſhall mean to ſell or deal therein, ſhall give Notice in Writing to the neareſt Inſpector of the Quantity of Seed in the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſons, in Manner and at the Times in the ſaid Act particularly mentioned and directed; BE it further Enacted, That if any Importer of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or any Perſon ſelling or dealing in Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, 3
or who ſhall mean to ſell or deal therein, ſhall omit or neglect to give ſuch Notice as by the ſaid Act is required to be given by him for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, at the Times and in Manner as in and by the ſaid recited Act is mentioned and directed, every ſuch Importer or other Perſon ſhall forfeit all ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed,

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Seed, of which ſuch Notice ſhall not have been given as aforeſaid, together with the Caſks or Packages containing the ſame, or the Price thereof, if ſold, and alſo the Sum of Iriſh Currency, for every Hogſhead, Caſk, or other Package thereof, and ſo in proportion for any leſs Quantity than a Hogſhead, to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Perſons ſelling Seed ſhall take Brands off empty Caſks.

And be it further Enacted, That when and ſo ſoon as any Dealer in or Seller of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, ſhall have emptied any Hogſhead, Caſk, or other Package, branded or marked with the Word "SOUND," in purſuance of the Directions in the ſaid recited Act contained, and ſhall have ſold thereout all the Seed contained in the ſame at the Time ſuch Caſk or Package was ſo branded or marked, every ſuch Dealer in or Seller of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, ſhall forthwith completely obliterate, eraſe, expunge, or deſtroy the ſaid Brand or Mark, and take off and remove the ſame from ſuch Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package; and if any ſuch Dealer in or Seller of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall omit or neglect ſo to do, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Inſpector of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed to ſeize every ſuch Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package, found in the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Dealer in or Seller of Flax or Hemp Seed; and every ſuch Dealer or Seller ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and loſe a Sum not more than
4 nor leſs than for every ſuch empty Hogſhead, Caſk, or other Package found in his Poſſeſſion, from which the ſaid Brand or Mark ſhall not have been ſo obliterated, eraſed, expunged, deſtroyed, or taken off or removed, to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Seed ſhall be imported in Hogſheads, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed ſhall be imported into *Ireland* in Hogſheads, Caſks, or other Packages, and that all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed imported ſhall be inſpected or examined, and the Hogſheads, Caſks, or Packages in which the ſame are contained, ſhall be branded or marked, and that all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed unfit for ſowing may be exported in Manner directed by the ſaid recited Act: Provided always, that in caſe the Importer or Owner of any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſo imported, and which ſhall be ſeized or detained under or by virtue of the ſaid recited Act for being bad, mixed, or damnified, or unfit for ſowing, ſhall give Notice in Writing to the Officers ſeizing or detaining the ſame, that he intends to cruſh the ſame into Oil, or to ſell the ſame for being cruſhed into Oil, and ſhall by himſelf, in caſe he ſhall be a Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil, or together with ſuch Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil to whom he ſhall agree to ſell

Damaged Seed may be delivered for cruſhing into Oil.

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the ſame, for that Purpoſe enter into Security, within the Time and in Manner required by the ſaid recited Act, that all ſuch Seed ſhall be actually cruſhed into Oil, the Hogſheads, Caſks, or Packages, in which any ſuch Seed ſhall be contained, ſhall by the ſaid Officer be branded with the Word "UNFIT," and all ſuch Seed ſhall and may be forthwith delivered, notwithſtanding ſuch Seizure or Detainer, to the Importer or Owner thereof, or to ſuch Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil, on his producing to the proper Officer of the Revenue a Certificate from the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have taken ſuch Security, that the ſame has been duly given as required by Law, and that it ſhall not be neceſſary to keep or detain ſuch Seed in His Majeſty's Stores until the Firſt Day of July then following; any thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Inſpector may enter Premiſes to examine and ſeize Seed.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inſpector General of Flax Seed and Hemp Seed in *Ireland*, duly appointed under and by virtue of the ſaid recited Act, and for any Inſpector of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed at any Port or Place in *Ireland*, duly appointed in Manner aforeſaid, within the Port or Diſtrict for which he ſhall be appointed Inſpector, at any Time of the Day between Sunriſe and Sunſet, to enter into all Stores, Warehouſes, Mills, Rooms, Buildings, Outhouſes, or other Places of or belonging to any Perſon or Perſons dealing in Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or having Flax Seed or Hemp Seed in his or their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, or of or belonging to any Perſon or Perſons keeping a Mill or Mills for cruſhing Flax Seed or Hemp Seed into Oil, and to view, ſearch, and examine the Quantity and Quality of all ſuch Seed which ſhall be found in any ſuch Store, Warehouſe, Mill, Room, Building, Outhouſe, or other Place, and to ſeize and take away all ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed as ſhall be there found, kept, or concealed, contrary to Law, or as ſhall or may be liable to Forfeiture under and by virtue of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, together with the Hogſheads, Caſks, or Packages, in which ſuch Seed ſhall be contained.

Penalty on concealing Seed or refuſing Admittance to Inſpector.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Seller of or Dealer in Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or any Perſon or Perſons keeping a Mill or Mills for cruſhing Flax Seed or Hemp Seed into Oil, or any other Perſon or Perſons whoſoever, having any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed in his, her, or their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, ſhall refuſe or neglect to produce or ſhew all ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed to ſuch Inſpector General, or to any other Inſpector of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed within the Port or Diſtrict for which he ſhall be appointed Inſpector, upon Demand made by ſuch Inſpector General or

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or Inſpector reſpectively, or ſhall refuſe to permit ſuch Inſpector General or Inſpector reſpectively to enter into and ſearch, at any Hour between Sunriſe and Sunſet, all Stores, Warehouſes, Mills, Rooms, Buildings, Outhouſes, or other Places where any ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall be, or in which ſuch Inſpector ſhall ſuſpect any ſuch Flax Seed or Hemp Seed to be or to be concealed, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for the Firſt Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding nor leſs than and for the Second and every other Offence a Sum not exceeding nor leſs than for each and every Hogſhead, Caſk, or other Package of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon, upon Conviction before any Juſtice of the Peace, the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be found, then it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtice to commit ſuch Offender to the Houſe of Correction or next Gaol, for any Time not exceeding in the Whole or until ſuch Fine be paid.

Juſtices on Application of Inſpector may grant Search Warrants.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That on every ſuch Refuſal, or on Application made by ſuch Inſpector General, or other Inſpector within the Port or Diſtrict for which he ſhall be appointed, to any Juſtice of the Peace, ſetting forth, on Oath, a reaſonable Cauſe of Suſpicion, or for ſuch his Application, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice of the Peace to grant his Search Warrant to ſuch Inſpector General or Inſpector reſpectively, in the Preſence of a Conſtable, or other Perſon to be appointed by ſuch Magiſtrate, to enter into all ſuch Stores, Warehouſes, Mills, Rooms, Buildings, Outhouſes, or other Places, and there to ſearch for and ſeize all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed which ſhall or may be kept or concealed in ſuch Stores, Warehouſes, Mills, Rooms, Buildings, Outhouſes, or other Places, contrary to Law, which ſhall or may be liable to Forfeiture under and by virtue of any of the Proviſions in the ſaid recited Act or this Act contained.

Seizures to be forfeited to Truſtees of Linen Manufacture.

And be it further Enacted, That all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed which ſhall or may be ſeized by any ſuch Inſpector General or Inſpector reſpectively, under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall be forfeited to the Truſtees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of *Ireland*, and the Produce thereof ſhall be applied by them in rewarding ſuch Inſpector, or for otherwiſe promoting the Linen Manufactures, as they ſhall think proper.

Recovery of Penalties.

And be it further Enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, ſhall and may be ſued for and recovered in ſuch Manner as any other Penalties reſpecting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures may be ſued for and recovered.

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Extending Powers of 42 Geo. III. to this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That all the Powers and Proviſions in the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, mentioned and contained, ſhall be applied in Execution of this Act, ſo far as the ſame are conſiſtent with and applicable thereto, as if ſuch Powers and Proviſions had been re-enacted and repeated in this Act. 8

Act may be altered or repealed.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed, by any Act to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

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